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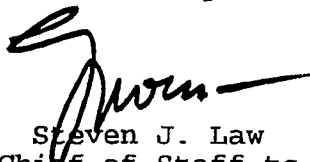
Dear Ralph:

Thank you very much for the Bullets tickets as well as the canister of fine nuts which you sent to the office. I don't know whether the latter gift was meant as a commentary on our staff, but we were pleased to receive them in any event.

This year was a tough one for tobacco, but it could not have ended better: with Henry Waxman and Joycelyn Elders losing their posts within a couple months of each other! I'm sure the battles are not over, but at least the terrain is much more favorable.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year. Thanks again for your kindness and best wishes for a merry Christmas!

Sincerely,



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